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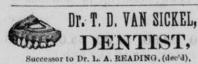
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How dare I say this heart for aye will swell To answer yours, knowing its frailty well?
Today sees plighted troth and clasping hands,
Tomorrow shattered faith and broken bands.
Oh, pitiful for mortal lips to swear!
More fitting this—unceasing fervent prayer
That our love's flower, escaping frost and hlight,
May bloom immortal, as we hope tonight.

—Catharine Young Glen in Century.

THE APPRENTICE.

Three hundred years ago there lived at Augsburg a lad named Willibald, apprentice to a smith, whose industry obtained him the regard of his master, a favorite with all who knew him. His around his neck. master so highly estimated his skill offered to make him his partner and terday, I came into the garden,

Willibald, though favored by the young lady, was quite free from any feeling of love for her, and the reason

of his coldness was apparent. Dame Martha, a respectable widow, with a granddaughter of uncommon loveliness. Young Ellen had quite captivated Willibald, and when he saw her through the window or the open door he thought there could be no happiness so great as that of calling her his own. But the old woman seldom die rather than become his wife. He suffered her to stir from her sight; so

some pretense to visit their dwelling, but fortune at length favored him. One I have the blessing of heaven. day, when the snow made the ground so slippery as to be dangerous to an in-firm person, he saw Dame Martha comfirm person, he saw Dame Martha com-ing ont of the church alone. He hasten-ed to offer the assistance of his arm and conducted her home. She invited him Martha could no longer withhold her to enter, for she thought that only a consent, but before Willibald dared to very worthy young man would be so at- claim Ellen as his bride he confessed tentive to an aged dame.

From this day he was one of Dame this, of course, saved him. Martha's most frequent visitors and was always received with a welcome. In ask permission to make love to her granddaughter. "My dear young friend," was her reply, "I have the highest esteem for you and could wish Ellen no better husband. I believe she loves you, too, but you have not yet sufficient for the support of a wife. Save from your wages a decent sum, come and receive your bride with my

About this time Dame Martha became indisposed with a bad cough, and her physician prescribed change of air; so One day, as Willibald approached the

faltering voice.

'What-know-what?" asked Ellen quickly and eagerly. "That I have been robbed of my box of money," answered the youth in a accurate in many ways that it may be tone of anguish.

"Alas," replied Ellen, "then misforrich gentleman came to our cottage and demanded my hand in marriage. His name is Werner. He is a rich merchant from Ulm. Even now he is sitting in the room yonder with my grandma, drinking wine and telling her of his who stands by the chimney, confirms dear Willibald. My grandma may say what she will: I will die rather than be And his faithless to you."

come no more to my cottage. A rich den "Madonna" has anything to fear.—man is a suitor for my Ellen, and it is London News. my duty to do what is for her good."

"Very good—very good, Dame Mar-tha," cried Willibald, half choking with emotion. "I say nothing of your confellow's heart-and your own word also known peer, who was married to an -'tis all the same to me."

And he hastened madly away. Some hours must have passed un-marked in the indulgence of his grief, for it was late when he rose and tried with the carver. to find his way homeward. After wandering about some time, without being able to discover the road, he found that he was in a churchyard. "There is the prove defective, and the last

Scarce had the distracted youth uttered these words when a sound of shrill laughter nearly startled him, and, looking round, he saw a figure which he had no difficulty in recognizing by the well known horns and cloven foot. "I am here," cried he in hoarse tones, "at your service and ready to do your bidding, asking only a small service in re-

'What is that?" Willibald mustered courage to say, though he trembled all

"I have a piece of work for you. I will take you to a spot where lies buried one of my subjects. You must make me an iron railing round this grave, and in reward I will give you your bride.

"If you have nothing more to ask, I am content," replied the young man. "This is all, but it is a harder task than you imagine. You have but one hour to work. At 12 you must begin and the railing must be completed by the time the clock strikes 1. If it is done, you are free; if not, you belong insomina, nervousness

hallowed contract and followed the field, who hobbled on till he stood by a stipation, etc. 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

AN ESSAY ON CORNS.

pse of several bars of iron and the tools of his trade. The clock struck 12, and, starting, he betook himself to INQUIRING SUFFERER. work. So diligently did he apply himthe Reply of a Chiropodist Started an Inself that the work grew rapidly under

wanting when the clock was heard striking 1, and Willibald fell to the ground cise an Important Influence. "What makes corns?" When his senses returned, it was "If people would not walk, they would orning, the sun was shining brightly,

and he thought all that had passed a aphatically. Full of shame and repentance, Willibald hastened to the church to pray for the pardon of his dreadful sin. His heart was lighter after the prayer, but he could not go home to work that day, and sadly he walked toward Dame Mar-

tha's cottage. Ellen came to meet him, as before, while his good nature caused him to be and shed tears as she threw her arms

At the same instant Willibald saw

fire spring from the ground and caught

his hand. A single screw only was

"This time," she said, "they are tears that when the boy grew into a man he of joy. When you left so suddenly yeshinted that he was not displeased at I might weep undisturbed. I sat there the young man's friendship with his long after dusk, when, as I leaned my head on the table yonder, a female figure approached me. She resembled my dead mother and said: 'Weep not, my celling of love for her, and the reason if his coldness was apparent.

In the small house opposite lived ed before I could thank her, but I remembered her words and prayed for you all night long."

The young man shuddered, but raised his eyes upward in thankfulness. "Early this morning," continued the damsel, "came Herr Werner. I went out to meet him and told him I would was much vexed, but, without another that there was no opportunity for the young man to declare the passion with which the fair girl had inspired him.

For a long while Willibald sought some pretense to visit their dwelling,

And the young smith felt the same assurance, when, a few days later, his his great sin to the priest and submitted Who was now happier than Willibald! to the penance enjoined upon him, and

The lovers were married and lived happily, remembering their past trouprocess of time he made bold to lay bles only as a warning against disconopen his heart to the old woman and tent and an act of submission to Provi-

The "Sistine Madonna." Are all visitors to the Engadine aware, we wonder, that the proprietor of one of the hotels at St. Moritz-Mr. Caspar Badrutt-is the happy possesso of an admirable replica or early copy of say 30 goldpieces, for a beginning, then Raphael's most famous picture, the "Sistine Madonna?" We have said "a replica or early copy," but Mr. Badrutt Willibald was almost beside himself boldly claims his as the origwith joy. He had now an object for la- inal work and the Dresden picture as bor and frugality, and he redoubled his the copy. A handsome folio, setting industry, laying by carefully all he forth his case and giving photogravures of the two pictures, has recently been published at Zurich. A complete history, with many curious details, of the

St. Moritz picture is also given. she took a little cottage in the suburbs, Alfonso, duke of Ferrara, and was bought by Mr. Badrutt's father from a house, Ellen came to meet him, weeping. She sobbed bitterly as he drew he sent it to Herr Sesar, in Augsburg, house in Reggio, in the Emilia. In 1887 near and exclaimed, "Ah, Willibald, to be restored, and it is now for the most part in good condition. Mr. De You know it then?" cried he with drutt bases his claim for this as the original on certain doubts and difficulties about the Dresden picture which have always exercised the art historians. Vasari's account, it is urged, is so in wrong in all. How were the obscure monks of San Sisto, in a small town tunes never come singly. Yesterday a like Placenza, able to secure a great masterpiece by Raphael at the very height of his fame? Why did Raphael paint it (alone among his works) on canvas-and on coarse canvas, too, with two cross seams? Mr. Badrutt claims that Duke Alfonso was a more likely houses and lands, while his servant, purchaser, and that he commissione the work as a processional banner to be everything he says. But be comforted, carried in the coronation procession of

And his-the St. Moritz-picture is painted on one piece of the finest and Here Dame Martha came out of the strongest damask linen. All tais is somehouse and commanded Ellen to go in what in the air, and unless or until furdirectly. The poor girl was forced to ther documents are discovered the relaobey, and the old woman said to Willi- tive position of the two works must be bald: "Young man, I came to say to decided by internal evidence, and, tried you that I think it best that you should by this evidence, we doubt if the Dres-

Portraits on Pipes. The portrait pipe is a fad with cerfain wealthy young men. One of the duct. If you choose to break an honest most beautiful is owned by a well American beauty a few years ago. He wished to have a pipe made bearing the likeness of his wife and left several photographs and a statuette of the lady

A month later he received the pipe and a bill for £160. A number of pieces of meerschaum had been tried, only to which measured 8 inches high, 7 broad house where the people go to pray," which measured 8 inches high, 7 broad and 12 deep, was reduced to a pipe 8 not also prayed? Have I not kept my len back, else would I pray—aye, to the bad fiend himself and promise to be his, so she would be mine?

> Woodhouse, near Rotherdam, York, has the largest private house in Eng-land, but had he not an income of over \$1,000,000 a year he would probably regard the place as a white elephant. There are 175 rooms in the building. The red mullet is scaled immediately before its death to induce permanent

Earl Fitzwilliam, in Wentworth,

the intense red color so beloved of the Biliousness

willibald pledged himself to the unallowed contract and followed the

T CONTAINS THE EXPERIENCE OF AN

vestigation - Those Who Walk Suffer Most From Corns-How Sidewalks Exer-

not have corns," replied the chiropodist The reply was satisfactory as far as it

in one direction on one side of a street, that one foot was affected and when he walked in the opposite direction that the other foot was affected. The distress was in the foot that was toward the curb. He could not walk ahead awhile and then walk backward to relieve the pain, because he thought that he might be looked upon as a crank and that such behavior in a public street would be absurd anyway. Then he examined his shoes and observed that the most of the ket or wolf skin. Above this a sort of and heels and that the upper leather had begun to bulge slightly over the worn parts of the soles. When he put leather where it bulged pressed on the painful area of each little toe.

With the results of the observations in mind, the sufferer proceeded, step by step, somewhat painfully at times, to unmarried women in Walpi wear their ascertain the cause of the effect on his shoes. He would not acknowledge that hair in a strange way. They coil it into two big disks just above their ears, the might be bowlegged and unable to the intent being to symbolize their nobody who met him could observe any unusual deflection from the ordinary lingly dress their hair to symbolize the lines of legs. He trod carefully, and, ripened squash.' Some of the maidens without making himself conspicuous tried to walk on a level, so that the pressure would be equal on the whole surface of each sole. His toeing was moderate-neither too much outward nor too much inward-and at times he succeeded in walking as his mind directed, but usually the distress that he winced from indicated that something was wrong somewhere. The foot on the curb side of the walk was generally distressed more than the other. The fit of his shoes was fair, and for awhile the suffering investigator could not determine the reasons for the tendency to bulge on the sides. He defied any one to prove that the bottled waters that he drank could have an effect on his system that would tend to make him edge

tion to the surfaces on which he walked, and stowed away in his memory the characteristics of localities in which he believed he had experiences that were painful, more painful, and most pain-worthless which no one thought of reful, or almost painless. He noticed, for ance, when he walked across an asphalt pavement from one sidewalk to another in certain localities, that his ever, and was greatly annoyed that it jelly lengthwise around the edge betread was even and that he had little pain. The experience suggested that he pain. The experience suggested that he could generally have relief by walking hand, and the youngest kitten had its nice for a child's party or other gala ocon asphalt pavement, but he remembered the arrest of an eccentric pedestrian who insisted on having the privilege of walking in the middle of the street and decided that he would not risk himself in that direction, notwithstanding the relief that might be obtained. He noticed also that the distress was less in some localities than in others and that all sidewalks were not alike. He tried to poor wherever she found them and which he felt the least distress, but he had to go such a roundabout way to arconfine his walks to the localities in rive at any particular place, especially his place of business, that the plan had to be abandoned. Besides, he never trod a perfect route-a route that throughout its length had a surface that could be paced without pain. At one point or an-

other the patient investigator felt twinges that were almost unbearable. Lining up the subject on the best route he could find, he devoted his athim to the sidewalk, describing the action figuratively. He did not drop on his knees, although he had the impulse to do that and to howl also, but he stopped at the curb and thought awhile. He inferred that his sufferings were greater in that particular block because some peculiarity or influence presented itself there. At first the tentacles of thought grasped nothing definitely, but as the pain departed from the affected foot, the powers of vision took hold and the result was a revelation.

elations, the cause of the effect was very simple-the sidewalk had been graded from the house line to the curb for good drainage, and as the incline was a few degrees more there than in many places it was natural that any one walking there should tend slightly toward the curb. The friction of the soles of the shoes on the sidewalk being greater than the friction of the feet on the inner soles of the shoes, the weight of the body caused the feet to slide sidewise in the shoes. The effects on the feet were different, and the painful effect in one foot and then the other depended walked. When the right foot was toward the curb, its small toe was lord and master than a bluestocking. pressed against the leather and tortured, oline, had very light pressure on either side. Guided by the revelation, the sufferer trod carefully thereafter and kept clear of slanting sidewalks as frequently as possible, but in time he was compelled to acknowledge that the periods of relief from pain were far apart, becontraction of its superficial pigment cells, which causes the fish to become cause the rule is that sidewalks should slant toward the gutter, and the rule is followed generally, and he realized that the chiropodist's reply was accurate. -New York Times.

different nations in Africa, Asia and zon in Century. South America are frequently criticised by their papers at home for not being more assiduous in looking after the commercial interests of their countries, German and United States consuls up as admirable examples, and the United New York Merchants' Review.

THE PUEBLO WOMEN.

Pretty and Picturesque as Girls and State-ly as Young Mothers. "The Pueblo Indian women are often very pretty as girls, and some of them make stately young mothers," writes Hamlin Garland in Ladies' Home Journal. "They work generally in groups of three or four, cooking, whitewashing, weaving or painting pottery. They seem to have a good deal to chatter about, and their smiling faces are very agreeable. They have most excellent white teeth. Their ceremonial dress is very

picturesque, especially the costume of went, but it didn't go far enough, and the Acoma and Isleta girls. All burdens therefore the sufferer, not being able to rid himself of the pain by riding althey have, in consequence, a magnifiways, walked and pondered.

He began to notice, when he walked cent carriage even late in life. The old women of Walpi, on the contrary, are bent and down looking. They carry their burdens on their backs slung in a blanket. The girls of Isleta wear a light cloth over their heads, Spanish fashion, and manage it with fine grace and co-

quetry.
"The everyday dress of the Hop women consists of a sort of kilt, which is wrapped around the hips and fastened with a belt, a modification of the blan wear was on the outer edges of the soles | sleeveless chemise partly covers the his shoes on again, he observed that the Hano cut the hair in front square across about to the line of the lips, while the back hair is gathered into a sort of billet. The front hair hangs down over the faces, often concealing one eye. The wear evenly the soles of his shoes, and youth and promise by imitating the squash flower; the matrons correspondingly dress their hair to symbolize the are wonderfully Japanese in appear-

A CURIOUS OLD LADY.

nious In Her Own Affairs, Yet Lav ish With Others. When Henri Rochefort planued the erection of a workman's glass works at Carmaux to help the glass workers, he received an anonymous gift of 100,000 francs. The denor was Mme. Dimbourg, who has since died at Boulogne, aged 72. She was a curious old lady, wildly generous, yet careful to miserliness, sending her gift to the glass works anonymously and then complaining when her name was omitted from the stone bearing a list of subscribers. She lived in an unpretentious house, furtoward the gutter. Such an idea ought nished in the plainest fashion, hoarded

> worthless, which no one the turning to her. She sent a servant to claim it, how-"Filtered water wears out the filter. You must be more economical." Yet this veman, so parsimonious in her own concerns, lavished benefits on the made princely gifts out of a life annuity

THE LITTLE FRENCH GIRL.

the Is a Miniature Woman and Is Taught All Feminine Arts. However innocent she may be, a little French girl is much more of a little woman than a child of any other nationality. She does not romp; she is demure and quiet in her games, which are often imitations of a grown person's tention to the spot or block where he life. She is trying to learn how to be had the most severe twinges. That sent the mistress of her house by means of her dolls, furniture, kitchen and dishes. Feminine arts are still a part of every well arranged French education. Men really care more for these accomplishments than for others, as they make stay at home wives who look after their households, and as a Frenchwoman's principal aim is to please her future husband every mother prepares her daughter for this end. This is why she does not permit too close an intimacy with little boy cousins, because ten years later a jealous husband would As in many great discoveries and revtake a dislike to these friendly cousins, nor would be like his wife's bosom

friends, in whom she confides and who never leave her, any better. Mothers, therefore, permit few if any intimacies, and these are all winnowed and selected with the greatest care. One advantage of this system is that the name of friend is not carelessly bestowed right and left. It takes time and good reasons for simple acquaintances to rise to that rank. The mother not only wards off little boy cousins and inti mate girl friends, but she discourage the little girl in showing off her knowledge out of the classroom, for she is on the direction in which the sufferer fully aware that nothing could be less fully aware that nothing could be less mahogany or antique oak and inlaid attractive in the eyes of the expected with medallions in delft. The top is a A bright little girl I could name had

level, the worn edge of the left shoe being about equal to the degree of the intradicting an older person. "I hope," she said jestingly, as a sort of excuse, Ledger. ew York Times.

The Glamour of Distance.

It is laughable how the consuls of the of what she knows today!"—Th. Bent-

Poughkeepsie has a building that is probably the oldest one on the Hudson river. It is at the corner of Washington and how they are bidden to take pattern by the representatives of other nations.

Thus the British trade papers hold the according to tradition, in 1713. The according to tradition, in 1713. The plaster on the walls is six inches thick, and the laths are hand cut, about two States and Germany go into raptures | inches in thickness. It is safe to say over the faithful and energetic conduct | that house, even if antiquated, is a of the Britishers. And so it goes on .- | warm one to live in during the winter. -Oak Hill Record.

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DISPOSING OF PASTRY.

Midbits That Capable Housewives Can Make of Left Overs. It is not always an easy matter to dispose of all the scraps of pastry left after making patties or pies of any kind. In olden times there was a variety of nice little cakes made of small pieces of fine pastry and garnished with jelly, jams or sweetened creams whipped to a stiff froth and flavored. The well known "wells of Cupid," as they were known in those sentimental days, were nothing

more than tiny flat cakes of pastry with a raised ring of pastry laid on them, the cavity in the center being filled with jelly or jam of some bright color. These "wells" are sometimes made of cold boiled plum pudding, garnished with a creamy hard brandy sauce, and they are then served at the holiday sea-son and known as "wells of Noel." Almost any plain cooky dough may be rolled out and cut up into circles and rings of equal size, and have a ring laid on every circle and the cakes baked. The cavity in the center may be filled

with bright red currant jelly.

Those dainty little cakes called "marigolds" may be made of puff paste or any pastry or cake barrier that can be rolled out. They are especially nice made of puff pastry glazed with sugar and baked a golden hue

Out out 20 circles of pastry with a Going somewhat deeper into the subject, beneath the shoes and the painful areas, the investigator gave some attention to the surfaces on which he walked, antil they are a nice golden brown.

Arrange little strips of red currant tween the strips of almond. These represent the petals of the flower. These

"King Henry's shoestrings" are strips of pastry arranged in four loops in the shape of a St. Andrew's cross. They are decorated with bits of green grape jelly and red currant jelly to represent rubies and emeralds. batter is used pieces of candied cherry and green lime or the prettier candied

angelica can be used. Other cakes may be made in the form of small wreaths made of little leaves of pastry when baked. Bits of bright jelly set in various hollows of the wreath represent blossoms. These are a delight to children.—St. Louis Republic.

Is the Sun Burning Up?

Thousands of curious and ingenious theories have been advanced to account for the effect that the sun, although he has whirled his burning disk across the heavens for untold ages, continues to burn without being consumed or his bulk being lessened in the least. Some of our most learned astronomers believe, or pretend to believe, that the great orb is a ball of gas, but even a great globe of gas would be consumed to its utmost atom in the course of a few thousand years. Others say that fires are kept up by the burning of the remains of wrecked worlds which are constantly falling into its mysterious, burning depths. But even this seems far from probable, and those who take an opposite view declare that it is a monstrously absurd conclusion. In summing up his opinion on the last conclusion one of the most eminent astronomers of the day has figured that a mountain range consisting of 176 cubic miles could fall into the sun and vet not furnish fuel enough to keep up the present rate of heat for a single second, and that a mass equal to our earth would only furnish heat for 93 years. If these conclusions are correct, we may well ask, Of what wonderful, indestructible substance is our great light giver composed?—Exchange

The Holland Tea Table

Elegance is reached in the Holland tea table, its standard richly carved in movable tray in the beautiful china mounted in brass with heavily chased while the left foot by maintaining a by chance picked up some astronomical handles of the metal at either end. A scraps, together with other scientific complete tea service of delft accompanies and then. One evening, while playing ment of great beauty and expense. The in the garden, she heard a friend of her | well informed hostess, although delightfather's exclaim, "What a dazzling star!" "That is not a star, sir," she it genuineness, knowing that the lovely said; "it is a planet." Her mother was blue china now such a craze is but a in despair, for she would rather a hun- close imitation. Only one perfect service dred times have found her ignorant of real old Holland delft is owned in than have seen her "show off," or capable of committing the enormity of conbe without fixed price.-Philadelphia

Mr. Frankstown-Miss Bloomfield is as pretty as the day is long. Don't you think so?

her except at evening gatherings,— Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. In India there is a species of butterfly

Mr. Homewood-I have never seen

ors of the female are vice versa.

A newly discovered West African butterfly spins a cocoon which resembles a mask made for a human face.